



Salem District Project Update

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Letter to the Public

The Salem District Planning Update is published to provide information about specific projects; both on going and planned. If you have information or opinions relating to these projects, please share them with us. Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these planned projects.

You can contact us via internet, phone or through regular mail. Please contact us within the comment period specified for that project. Specific contact information for each project is included in the Project Update. Send any written comments, including the project and field office applicable to 1717 Fabry Road SE; Salem, Oregon 97306.

We expect that the Planning Update will be regularly posted on the Salem District internet site. If you wish to help us save paper and postage costs or if you no longer wish to receive this Update through the mail, please contact Mary Shires at 503-375-5621. After your contact, we will remove your name from the mail distribution list.

Salem District WEB Site: (<http://www.or.blm.gov/salem>)

Just a reminder to readers what is available on the Salem District WEB site. Under the planning page (<http://www.or.blm.gov/salem/html/planning/index.htm>) you will find; the Annual Program Summary, the current *Project Update*, current Resource Management Plan maintenance, Environmental Assessments, selected watershed analyses, and the Northwest Forest Plan. The WEB site also has a personnel directory, photographs, maps, recreation information and other miscellaneous information. We encourage you to review the site and offer suggestions for additions and improvements. For more information on the WEB site, contact Tim Jacobsson at 503-375-5641.

Thanks for your continued interest in natural resource management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Denis Hillman".

Manager

District

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 Update

2002 Project Proposals:

Work has begun on projects recommended by the Salem BLM Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and approved by the Salem District Manager. A status report is attached. Additional information on these projects is available on the Salem BLM internet site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/salem/>).

2003 Project Proposals:

Project proposals have been submitted for 2003 projects. The Salem BLM Resource Advisory Committee met on July 11-12 to review and make recommendations on these projects. During the two day meeting the committee was given briefings on the projects and began the process of making their recommendations for this year. Another meeting is scheduled for August 15 to finalize the recommendations for the 2003 Title II projects. Each meeting has time set aside for members of the public to provide comments, opinions and advice to the RAC.

More detailed information on the specific projects is available on Salem BLM's internet site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/salem/>) or by calling Paul Jeske at BLM's Salem District office at 503-375-5644.

Status of the Salem RAC Alternates Selections:

The Salem District is continuing to solicit additional applications for alternate RAC members. The Salem RAC reviews proposed Federal projects and transmit recommendations on those projects to the Agency. Individuals from a variety of interests are sought who are committed to working collaboratively for the long-term benefit of public lands and local communities. The role of an alternate is to fill vacancies that occur when a primary member leaves the Committee. If you are interested in applying, complete the application form which is at the Salem BLM internet site <http://www.or.blm.gov/salem/> and send it to our office. If you have questions, please contact Trish Hogervorst at BLM's Salem District office at 503-375-5657

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 Update Fiscal Year 2002 Project Status Report

Multi-county

Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Partnership

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA analysis is not required. ESA is not applicable. Additional preparatory work is not needed.

Implementation method: A contractor funded through Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and two BLM Student Conservation Association resource assistants will complete the work. The resource assistants started work in June 2002 and the coordinator will be hired in August 2002.

On the ground accomplishments: A Request for Qualification solicitation notice for a WMA Coordinator will be released in the month of July. An interagency work group comprised of BLM, USFS, ODA, Marion County and OSU Extension will be invited to participate in the selection process for the coordinator. The coordinator will be selected by mid August. The coordinator will work to accomplish the tasks identified in #4. Student Conservation Association resource assistants will conduct a training and education materials inventory starting in the month of July.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for Phase I. (Startup) is September 2002

- Assemble a partnership group
- Hire a Program Coordinator
- Expand the partnership/focus group

Targeted completion date for Phase II. (WMA feasibility process and coordination) is March 2002.

- Conduct a feasibility process to determine the most likely scenarios to setup a WMA.
- Pursue and broaden partnership base.
- Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects
- Identify and create as necessary noxious weed information sharing/communication tools.
- Identify training and education materials suitable for the Willamette Basin
- Identify sources of diversified funding for establishing WMA's and project implementation.

Benton County

Benton Foothills Road Restoration

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA is complete. DNA ESA is complete (programmatic Section 7 consultation) Engineering is in process.

Implementation method: The work will be done by BLM road maintenance crew.

On the ground accomplishments: On the ground work has not been initiated, however it is expected to be completed by October 1, 2002. Work will commence shortly.

Projected completion: October 1, 2002.

South Fork Road Improvement

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA, ESA and T&E are complete.

Implementation method: The work will be done by County Personnel and perhaps subcontractors. Cooperative Agreement Between Benton County and BLM is completed.

On the ground accomplishments: Work being done now is engineering, survey and design. On the ground work is expected to begin in summer of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is Summer of 2003.

Columbia County

Cedar Creek Fish Passage Restoration

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA are complete. However, if blasting is needed, re-initiation of consultation with USFWS may be needed and delay project to summer 2003. DSL/COE permit is pending.

Implementation method: Contract is prepared; will be out for bid later in July.

On the ground accomplishments: Proposed start work date is 19 August 02.

Projected completion: September 2002

Maintenance of BLM Roads (Columbia Co.)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Contract is prepared; will be out for bid later in July. This is a joint contract with Cedar Creek Fish Passage.

On the ground accomplishments: Proposed start work date is 19 August 02. Work will occur on Cedar Creek Rd.

Projected completion: November 2002

East Fork Nehalem River Assessment

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA Section 7 Consultation are not applicable. This work is an assessment only.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement (or grant) between BLM and Nehalem Watershed Council is anticipated. Not yet developed.

On the ground accomplishments: Assessment work is expected to occur from fall 02 through summer 03.

Projected completion: December 2003

Big Elk Creek Riparian Project

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA is complete.

Implementation method: Local landowners, with project management by ODFW biologist. An agreement with Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, who is the fiscal agent for ODFW will be signed by August 1, 2002.

On the ground accomplishments: Although companion project on federal lands is completed, the project on private lands will be initiated this fall and then completed with planting in the spring of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is spring, 2003.

Linn County

South Santiam Gauging Stations

Analysis & Consultation: Consulting with South Santiam Watershed Council on what is needed and who will install and operate the gauges.

Implementation method: Assistance Agreement. This will have to be sent to OSO but will not happen until after July 12 (deadline for 2002 contracts to be submitted in order to be processed this fiscal year).

On the ground accomplishments: None yet.

Projected completion: Installation fall 2002 (assuming Agreement signed and funds released early in fiscal year).

Law Enforcement Agreement

Analysis & Consultation: Done

Implementation method: Draft sent to Sheriff and OSO for review

On the ground accomplishments: None

Projected completion: Fall 2002

Yellowbottom Access Road repair/culverts

Analysis & Consultation: Done

Implementation method: Advertised contract. Contract preparation is ongoing. If more of this project is going to be funded this year it would make sense to include all the work in one contract.

On the ground accomplishments: None

Projected completion: Fall 2002

Polk County

Beck Road Oak Release

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA analysis is on going and expected to be completed by fall of 2002 or winter of 2003. All preparatory work is currently being done or will be done in the near future.

Implementation method: NEPA and preparatory work will be done by BLM personnel.

On the ground accomplishments: Work is expected to begin in Summer of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is 2003/2004.

Note: When this project application was initiated, section 204 (e) 3 (A) was overlooked. That section requires that a certain percentage of projects that result in the sales of merchantable materials, must be implemented as part of a pilot program with separate contracts for

1. Harvest or collection of merchantable materials and
2. The sale of such material.

Given this fact, another project application has been prepared to cover the additional contract cost that would be involved in implementing this project.

Tillamook County

Riparian Restoration Plant Stock

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA Section 7 Consultation are not applicable. This project only addresses the growing of plant stock.

Implementation method: Assistance agreement between BLM and Tillamook County SWCD.

On the ground accomplishments: Growing facility development is in progress.

Projected completion: Plant stock should be produced by February 03 and 04.

Upper Nestucca Watershed Road Drainage

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Contract is prepared and advertized.

On the ground accomplishments: Proposed start work is mid August 02.

Projected completion: October 2002

Washington County

Maintenance of BLM Roads (Washington Co.)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Salem BLM Road Maintenance crew.

On the ground accomplishments: Work is planned for summer 02 on the Roaring Creek Rd in the North Yamhill River Watershed.

Projected completion: September 2002

Explanatory comments concerning following tables:

Proposed actions are organized by project type, project name/description, location, planning status, and contact person. Some typical stages of planning a project include the following:

Developing Proposed Action -A site-specific proposal, called a Proposed Action, is developed to move the existing condition of an area towards a desired condition or result.

Scoping -Public comment is sought on the Proposed Action. Comments are used to refine the proposal or to identify issues which will define the scope of analysis and alternatives to be considered.

Developing Alternatives -A range of alternatives is developed based on the issues raised during scoping, while addressing the purpose and need for the project.

Analyzing Effects - The effects of implementing the alternative(s) are determined and documented in an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), EA (Environmental Assessment), CX (Categorical Exclusion) or DNA (Determination of NEPA Adequacy).

Comment Period - Comments are generally sought for 60 days on a draft EIS, and for 30 days on an EA and FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). There are no established comment periods for a CX or DNA. Comment periods are established commensurate with anticipated level of public interest.

Notice of Decisions - Notice of decisions from an EIS and EA will be published in “a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the lands affected by the decision are located” and sent to those who have requested such. Notices of decision from an EIS will also be published in the Federal Register. Notice for projects which qualify as a CX or DNA will be available for public review at the appropriate Field Office.

Abbreviations Used in Tables:

EA	= Currently planned documentation is an <i>Environmental Assessment</i>
CX	= Currently planned documentation is a <i>Categorical Exclusion</i>
DNA	= Currently planned documentation is a <i>Determination of NEPA Adequacy</i>
LUA	= Land Use Allocation
JITW	= Jobs-In-The-Woods
ERFO	= Emergency Relief For Federally Owned Roads

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Monday through Friday

Bureau of Land Management
Tillamook Resource Area
4610 Third St.
Tillamook, OR 97141
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Cascades Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Vegetation Management Actions			
Invasive Weed Management (EA# OR 080-02-02) The objectives are to establish an integrated weed management program for the Cascades Resource Area. All treatments would be considered, including herbicide application with hand application to certain weed species.	Cascades Resource Area	EA completion projected for July 2002.	Barb Raible 503-375-5687
Clear Dodger (EA) - Approximately 300 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and/or commercial thinning.	T4S, R4E Sections 13, 23, 24 and 25 approximately 6 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Middle and Lower Clackamas River Watersheds; and T5S,R3E Sec. 13 and T5S,R4E Sec. 19 approximately 11 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Milk Creek Watershed.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Fall 2002.	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924
Hillock (EA) - Approximately 580 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T5S, R4E Sections 12, 14, 24 and 26 approximately 12 miles south of Estacada, Oregon in the Middle Clackamas River Watershed.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Summer 2003.	Vince Cargile (503) 315-5920
Lulay Camp (EA) - Approximately 200 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for commercial thinning.	T10S, R1E, Sections 19, 29 and 33 approximately 10 miles southwest of Mehama, Oregon in the Thomas Creek and Crabtree Creek Watersheds.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Spring 2003.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Roaring River (EA) - Approximately 200 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for commercial thinning	T11S, R1E, Sections 1 & 3 approximately 10 miles south of Mehama, Oregon in the Crabtree Creek Watershed.	Analysis and surveys ongoing. Plan to complete EA in Spring 2003.	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Sinker Swim (EA # OR-080-01-20) Approximately 170 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration and/or partial harvest and commercial thinning.	T8S, R3E, Sections 27, 33-35 approximately 6 miles northeast of Mill City, Oregon in the Little North Santiam River Watershed.	EA document in progress, with an expected completion date of August 2002.	Randy Herrin (503) 315-5924
Turnridge (EA) - Approximately 300 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T10S, R3E Sections 1, 3, 5 and 11 and T10S, R4E, Sections 17 and 21 approximately 3 miles southeast of Mill City, Oregon in the Middle North Santiam River Watershed.	EA - Analysis and Surveys Ongoing. Plan to complete in Fall 2002.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
South M&M (EA) - Approximately 440 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for regeneration harvest and commercial thinning.	T12S.,R.3E., Sections 18, 19, 20 & 30 approximately 12 miles NE of Sweet Home, in the Quartzville Creek Watershed.	EA - Analysis and Surveys Ongoing.	Vince Cargile (503) 315-5920
Watershed Restoration Actions			
North Fork Eagle Creek Fish Habitat Enhancement (EA) The project would involve helicopter placement of up to 100 large logs in N.F. Eagle Creek, on Longview Fibre Co. lands, using logs purchased from LVF with \$ from an OWEB grant applied for by ODFW.	T3S, R 4E, Sections 12, 13, 14 and T3S, R 5E, Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, in the North Fork Eagle Creek subdrainage of the Eagle Creek Watershed.	EA completed May 20, 2002 Decision expected August 2002	Dave Roberts (503) 375-5672
Recreation Actions			
Aquila Vista Site Improvements (EA) - Various improvements to the Aquila Vista education site including bridge installation, bus parking improvements, shelter installation and dock installation.	T 7S., R3E., Section 6, about 15 miles southeast of the city of Molalla, with in the Molalla River Recreation Corridor along the Molalla Forest Road.	Analysis ongoing	Nick Teague (503) 315-5944

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Fishermen's Bend, Elkhorn Valley, and Canyon Creek Recreation Site Management Plan and EA - The Cascades Resource Area will be completing a long term Management Plan for recreation facilities and services at Fishermen's Bend, Elkhorn Valley, Canyon Creek Recreation Sites.	Fishermen's Bend: T9S, R3E, Section 25, Willamette Meridian. Fishermen's Bend is located along the North Santiam River, approximately 32 miles east of Salem, and one mile west of Mill City, off of State Highway 22. Elkhorn Valley & Canyon Creek: T9S, R3E, Sections 7 & 9. These sites are located approximately 34 miles east of Salem, along the Little North Santiam River, up North Fork County Road.	Analysis ongoing	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Larch Mtn Scientific Educational Environment Research Area (EA) - Various improvements to the Larch Mtn. Trail System including the design and construction of about ½ mile of connecting trail; rerouting, improvement and stabilization of up to 1 mile of existing trail; improvements to trail head areas for parking; and an information kiosk.	T1S, R5E, Section 3, about 8 miles east of the city of Corbett on Larch Mtn. Road.	Analysis ongoing	Nick Teague (503) 315-5944
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process requests for various land uses such as rights-of-way, special use permits (EA/CX/DNA)	Resource Area-wide	Ongoing.	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Watershed Analysis			
Quartzville Watershed Analysis - The Quartzville Watershed Analysis is being conducted by a BLM interdisciplinary team. The watershed analysis includes land managed by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well other owners.	The Quartzville Watershed begins at Green Peter Dam and continues up the northern arm of Green Peter Reservoir and ends at the headwaters of Quartzville Creek.	Estimated completion date of August, 2002.	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Other Activities and Projects of Interest			

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Lost Creek Meadow Restoration (EA) - Restore approximately 20 acres of the meadow by decreasing the expansion of trees into the meadow.	T7S, R5E, Section 4, within the Molalla watershed	Scoping, Estimated EA completion date, Winter 2002/2003.	Sam Caliva (503) 315-5930
Quartzville Road Maintenance Shop Removal and Rehabilitation (EA) - Remove all structures, improvements, and man-made materials and restore site to a natural appearance.	T12S, R3E, Sections 2 & 3, on Quartzville Creek within the Quartzville Watershed	EA completed June 24, 2002. Decision expected August 2002	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Oak Woodlands Habitat Restoration (EA) - Remove competing 60 - 80 year old Douglas-fir from 140 year old white oak woodlands. The Douglas-fir have encroached on and are overtopping the white oak overstory.	T 10S, R1E, Section 1 in the Thomas Creek Watershed.	Scoping, Estimated EA completion date, September 2002.	Sam Caliva (503) 315-5930
Wilhoit Springs Restoration (EA) - Restore fire frequency in the Wilhoit Springs ACEC to pre-settlement times. Under burning approximately 20 acres will be assessed.	T6S, R2E, Sections 15 & 16, in the Coal Creek Watershed and the Rock Creek sub-watershed.	Scoping.	Sam Caliva (503) 315-5930

MARYS PEAK RESOURCE AREA

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Vegetation Management Actions			
Buttermilk Lake Regeneration Harvest (EA: OR 080-00-11) - The project area is a 22-acre stand of Douglas-fir, with stand ages ranging from 60 to 120 years, located in GFMA. Approx. 20 upland acres are proposed for regeneration harvest, and 2 acres are planned for restoration from brush to conifer.	T.11S., R.8W., Sec. 6 (Lincoln Co.), in the Yaquina River watershed, approx. 4 mi. east of Eddyville. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision Rationale completed. Sale was advertised July 5, 2002 and sold July 31, 2002.	Bill Caldwell, 503-315-5961

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Greasy Creek Thinning Timber Sale (Duffy Creek EA # OR-080-99-10) - The proposal includes commercial thinning and density management on approx. 39 acres.	T.13S., R.6W., Sec. 16, Benton Co., approx. 12 miles SW of Philomath, OR. Located in the Beaver Creek watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Project was covered in the Duffy Creek EA as Unit #1, and deferred until the Survey and Manage FEIS and ROD were signed. Proposed sale date is Oct.2002.	Roy S. Majewski 503-315-5993
South Willy Density Management Timber Sale (EA: OR-080-01-02) - The project area encompasses approx. 243 acres of 40- to 80 year-old Douglas-fir in Matrix and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include commercial thinning, removal of mistle-toe infected hemlock in designated areas, density management, and road construction.	T.15S., R.6W., Secs. 6, 7, and T.15S., R.7W., Sec. 12 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. west of Monroe, OR in the South Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for Fiscal Year 2003. Scoping completed. EA in preparation.	Roy S. Majewski 503-315-5993
Little Boulder Commercial Thinning (EA: OR-080-01-16) - The proposed project area is approximately 192 acres of 40- to 60-year-old forest in Adaptive Management Area. Proposed activities include commercial thinning, density management, road construction, and coarse woody debris enhancement.	T.8S., R.8W., Sec. 11 (Polk Co.) approx. 6 miles west of Falls City, OR in the Upper Siletz watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for FY 2003. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.	Gary Humbard 503-315-5981
Old Blue Density Management (EA: OR-080-01-11) - The proposed project area is approximately 36 acres of 40- to 62-year-old forest in Late Successional and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning, and road renovation.	T.13S., R.7W., Secs. 5 and 7 (Benton Co.) approx. 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for FY 2003. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA	Gary Humbard 503- 315-5981

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
<p>North Fork Overlook Density Management (EA: OR 080-01-04)</p> <p>The proposed project area is approximately 448 acres of 40- to 65- year-old forest in Late Successional and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning, road renovation and road improvement.</p>	<p>T.13S., R.7W., Secs 17 and 19 (Benton Co.) approx. 11 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>The project is proposed for FY 2004. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.</p>	<p>Gary Humbard 503- 315-5981</p>
<p>Parker Creek Density Management (EA: OR 080-02-04)</p> <p>The proposed project area is approximately 95 acres of 50- to 70- year-old forest in Late Successional and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning, road renovation and conifer release within hardwood dominated stands.</p>	<p>T.12S., R.7W., Secs 29, 30 and 31 (Benton Co.) approx. 11 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>The project is proposed for FY 2004. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.</p>	<p>Gary Humbard 503- 315-5981</p>
<p>Mainline Commercial Thinning (EA: OR-080-0013) - The proposed project area is approximately 238 acres of 40- to 60-year-old forest in General Forest Management Area. Proposed activities include commercial thinning (88 acres), density management (150 acres), road construction (1 mile) and road decommissioning.</p>	<p>T.14S., R.6W., Sections 17 and 19 (Benton Co.) approx 16 mi. southwest of Philomath, OR in the Upper Alsea and Marys River fifth field watersheds. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>The project is proposed for FY 2003. We are currently scoping issues to consider in preparation of the EA.</p>	<p>Phil Sjoding 503-315-5980</p>
<p>Plantation Maintenance (CX: OR 080-02-09) - This project consists of manual maintenance and manual release treatment over the period 2002 through 2004. In 2002, approx. 358 acres are proposed for manual maintenance. Competing shrubs and hardwoods around young conifer trees would be cut to maintain conifer survival and stocking. In 2002, approx. 587 acres are proposed for manual release. In addition to maintenance, conifer trees would be spaced by cutting excess conifers where needed to enhance tree growth. Species diversity would also be promoted.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>Manual maintenance of 813 acres is in progress.</p>	<p>Kris Peterson 503-315-5958 Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961</p>

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Precommercial Thinning(PCT)/Density Management(DM)(CX: OR 080-02-09) This project consists of PCT and DM over the period 2002 through 2004. In 2002, this project would treat approximately 774 acres by spacing conifer trees. Over-stocked stands would be thinned where needed to enhance tree growth and to promote species diversity. Seventy-two acres of 2002 treatment area is located on test sites where both cutting and harvesting of small trees is proposed.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (Marys Peak Resource Area)	A categorical exclusion has been completed and the Biological Opinion has been received from U.S. Fish and Wildlife . Work on the project is planned for the summer and fall of 2002.	Kris Peterson 503-315-5958; Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961
Conifer Pruning (CX: OR 080-02-09) This project consists of pruning up to 282 acres of previously thinned conifers during the period 2002 through 2004. Fifty acres are proposed for 2002. Selected previously thinned conifers would be pruned with hand tools to improve wood quality of the trees.	Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (GFMA-upland) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Work has started on 45 acres of conifer pruning.	Kris Peterson 503-315-5958; Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961
Beck Road White Oak Release - Restore Oregon white oak component of a mixed oak/Douglas-fir stand, a diminished native habitat type, for wildlife use, aesthetics, and ecological values. The proposed action is to remove Douglas-fir overtopping oak trees, reduce density of Douglas-fir, and create small openings for establishing additional Oregon white oak trees.	T.6S., R.6W., Sec. 35, (Polk Co.) off Hwy. 22 approx. 16 mi. west of Salem, OR. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The project is proposed for fiscal year 2003. We are currently scoping issues to consider in preparation of the EA.	Hugh Snook, 503- 315-5964
Mill Creek White Oak Restoration A variety of conditions exist in the project area, and several treatment methods will be evaluated to restore and maintain meadows and Oregon white oak woodland and savanna. Methods include: Douglas-fir removal, thinning of dense young oak, and prescribed fire.	T.7S., R.6W., Sec. 5, T.7S., and R.6W., Sec. 4 (Polk Co.), just northwest of Mill Creek County Park. LSR in North Coast Adaptive Management Area. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The NEPA analysis will begin in the Fall of 2002; the project is planned for 2003/2004.	Hugh Snook, 503- 315-5964
Watershed Restoration Actions			

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Falls-Over Project (EA: OR-080-01-17) Approximately 100 live Douglas-fir would be pulled over into the channel along a 1.3 mile stretch of the South Fork Alsea River. This is a channel restoration project with the prime objective to get large woody debris in the stream for Aquatic Conservation Strategy and watershed health reasons. The proposal includes use of draft animals.	T.14S., R.7W., Secs. 25 and 26, South Fork Alsea River, Alsea River Basin (Marys Peak Resource Area)	The EA public review period ended January 2002. Decision in progress. Project planned for 2002.	Steve Liebhardt, 503-315-5928
Fish Log Donation Project (EA : OR-080-01-19) - Cooperative effort with Mid Coast Watershed Council to improve watershed conditions. Approximately 75 Douglas-fir would be felled and hauled to sites for stream restoration on private lands.	T.14S., R.7W., Sec. 17, and T.14S., R.8W., Secs. 11, 27, 28, and 29. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	EA/FONSI completed; public review period ends July 27, 2002.	Steve Liebhardt, 503-315-5928
Alder Thinning Restoration (EA: OR 080-99-02) - Pure alder stands were thinned to a 20-foot spacing (110 trees per acre) and planted with conifers in 1993-95; the conifers need further release to maintain growth. Remaining alders are being thinned to a 30-foot spacing, leaving approx. 50 alders per acre within the project areas. Total size of project areas is approx. 111 acres.	South Fork Lobster Creek, East Fork Lobster Creek, Lobster Creek, South Fork Alsea River, and Bear Creek. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Ongoing. Work is expected to be completed in September 2002 by BLM personnel.	Amy Haynes, 503-315-5955; Steve Baldwin, 503-315-5962
Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Road Related Watershed Restoration Projects - Environmental assessment amendment to add wood to Fall Creek channel to stabilize bed load movement, and to modify Bear Creek road decommissioning to reduce impacts.	T.13S., R.8W., Secs. 6, 7 and 8; road 13-8-8.1, the Lower Alsea River Watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision completed. These projects should be completed July - September 2003.	Steve Liebhardt, 503-315-5928
Fiscal Year 2002 Log Placement, Culvert and Stream Restoration - Project would place log structures into Tobe Creek and Record Creek, and replace culverts that prevent fish passage on Record Creek and a tributary to the North Fork Siletz.	T.14 S., R.7W, Section 19, T.14 S., R.8 W, Section 27, Benton County, and North Fork Siletz in T.7S., R.8W., Sec. 32, Polk Co. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision completed. Tobe Creek and North Fork Siletz anticipated for July 2003.	Steve Liebhardt, 503- 315-5928, Russ Buswell, 503- 315-5989 or Steve Cyrus, 503- 315-5988
Recreation Actions			

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Alsea Falls Recreation Site Management Plan - Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan to include operations and maintenance of the Alsea Falls Recreation Site.	T.14S., R.7W., sec. 25; South Fork Alsea River (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Identifying team members and compiling current site information.	Traci Meredith, 503-315-5991
Transportation System Management Actions			
Bear Creek Decommissioning (EA: OR-080-01-10) (JITW) - (Rd. 13-8-8.1) Remove structure to pass fish and decommission 2.5 miles of road.	Fall Creek (Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision signed June 2001. Start work expected in summer 2003.	Steve Cyrus, 503-315-5988.
Fall Creek Culvert Replacement (EA: OR-080-01-10) - (Rd. 13-9-23.1) Replace structure to pass fish which may include: Bottomless Arch or Bridge (Consider cooperative effort with WII).	Fall Creek (Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision signed June 2001. Star work anticipated in Summer 2003.	Russ Buswell, 503-315-5989.
Lower Swamp Creek Culvert Replacement (EA: OR-080-01-10) - (Rd. 14-8-24) Replace deteriorated double pipe arches with new structure(s). (Private land)	Swamp Creek (S. Fork Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Decision signed June 2001. Start work July 2002.	Steve Cyrus, 503-315-5988.
Record Creek Culvert Replacement (EA: OR-080-01-10) - (Rd. 14-8-26) Replace existing culvert that does not pass fish with new fish passage culvert.	Tributary to Swamp Creek (S. Fork Alsea) (Marys Peak Resource Area)	Appeal period ends July 20, 2002. Anticipate work to start summer 2003.	Steve Cyrus, 503-315-5988.
Other Activities and Projects of Interest			
Grass Mountain ACEC Gating Project - Extensive damage from off-road vehicles and other restricted uses are adversely impacting the values for this ACEC. Placing gates, dirt berms, waterbars, and road decommissioning will prohibit access and reduce impacts.	T.13S., R.8W., Sec. 21 (Benton Co.) in the Upper Alsea River Watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)	DNA completed. Work to be accomplished either summer of 2002 or 2003.	Ron Exeter, 503-315-5963

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Vegetation Management Actions			
ReBear (EA). A density management thinning of 40- to 60-year-old relatively dense Douglas-fir stands on approximately 450 acres within the Late-Successional Reserve (within the Northern Coast Range Adaptive Management Area) and Riparian Reserve LUAs. The purpose of the project is to promote development of late-seral forest habitat characteristics. The project also includes watershed restorations actions (i.e., road decommissioning and the creation of coarse woody debris)	T.3S., R.7W., Sec. 5, 7, 8, 11, 12; Nestucca River and Trask River watersheds. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Scoping.	Andy Pampush @ (503)-815-1143
Multiple Projects			
Plentywater Creek (EA No. OR-086-01-01). The project includes various watershed restoration projects and vegetation management actions (thinning and regeneration harvest). The proposed project area includes portions of the Dairy and McKay Creek watersheds which are designated Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T.2N., R.2W., Sec. 7, 15, 17, 21; McKay Creek watershed (Tualatin); T.3N., R.3W., Sec. 21, 27, 29; T.2N., R.3W., Sec. 3, 9; and mainstem of Dairy Creek. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Preliminary decision issued February 7, 2002. Final decision expected to be issued by August 2002.	David Roche' @ (503) 815-1128

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Scoggins Creek (EA No. OR-086-02-01). The project includes wildlife habitat enhancement, vegetation management, and watershed restoration actions within the Adaptive Management Area and Riparian Reserve LUAs. Additionally, legal road access to the project area may need to be obtained through appropriate right-of-way agreement(s).	T.1S., R.5W., Sec. 3, 5, 8, 9, 15; Scoggins Creek watershed. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Preliminary decision issued December 20, 2001. Final decision issued June 21, 2002.	Carolina Hooper @ (503) 815-1119
Baker Creek (EA). The project includes various vegetation management, wildlife habitat enhancement, and watershed restoration actions within the Adaptive Management Area, Riparian Reserve and Late-Successional Reserve LUAs.	T.3S., R.6W., Sec.13, 23, 24, 25, 35, 36; T.3S., R.5W., Sec. 17, 19, 29, 31, 33; North Yamhill River watershed. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Developing proposed action.	Carolina Hooper @ (503) 815-1119

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Transportation System Management Actions			
Road Maintenance and Repair (EA/CX/DNA).	Tillamook Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Tim Livengood @ (503)815-1116
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process requests for various land uses such as right-of-ways, tailholds, special use permits (EA/CX/DNA).	Tillamook Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Katrina Symons @ (503) 815-1460
Watershed Analysis			
Trask River Watershed Assessment and Analysis 2.0. A second iteration of the Trask River Watershed Assessment is ongoing. Work is being conducted jointly with the Oregon Department of Forestry.	Trask River Watershed (Tillamook Resource Area)	Ongoing. This document are not subject to NEPA.	Carolina Hooper @ (503) 815-1119
Salem Resource Management Plan Implementation Strategy Development			
Elkhorn Creek Project Identification. An interdisciplinary team approach to project identification on a watershed-level basis. Completed evaluating the Elkhorn Creek area of the Trask watershed. Potential projects include: wildlife and fish habitat improvement, road repair and maintenance, density management, and recreation site improvements among others.	3165 acres in T.1S., R.6 W., Sec. 34; T.1S., R.5W., Sec. 31; T.2S., R.6W., Sec. 4,5,8,10,16, & 19; and T.2S., R.5W., Sec. 7. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Completed July 10, 2002 (not subject to NEPA)	Carolina Hooper @ (503) 815-1119
Turner Creek Project Identification. An interdisciplinary team approach to project identification on a watershed-level basis. Completed evaluating the Turner Creek area of the North Yamhill watershed. Potential projects include: wildlife and fish habitat improvement, road repair and maintenance, and vegetation management.	T.2S., R.5 W., Sec. 3,5,7,9,17,19,21,27,28,29; and T.1S., R.5W., Sec. 31,33. (Tillamook Resource Area)	Completed April 25, 2002 (not subject to NEPA)	Steve Bahe @ (503) 815-1123

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Resource Area	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Cascades
Timber Sale Name	Flat Mtn	Klickitat Tie	Gotaway	Buttermilk Lake	Rusty Saw
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T.13 S., R.7 W., Sec. 25	T.13 S., R.7 W., Secs 9, 15, 21	T.14 S., R.7 W., Secs 25, 26, 35, 36 T.14 S., R.6 W., Sec. 31 T. 15 S., R.6 W., Sec 6	T.11 S., R.8 W., Section 6	T3S, R5E, Sec. 11
Land Use Allocation	GFMA/RR	LSR/RR	RR, GFMA, LSR	GFMA	GFMA/ Riparian Reserve
Proposed Harvest Type	CT, DM	DM	DM, CT	Regeneration	Commercial Thinning
Anticipated Acreage Involved	143	293	223	22	133
Anticipated Volume (CCF)	5,353	10,636	4,559	1,171	3,128
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	3,258	5,828	2,552	792	1,671
Probable Sale Offering Date	SOLD	SOLD	SOLD	July, 2002	Re-offer: Feb, 2003
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA completed	EA completed	EA completed	EA completed	EA - Completed; Decision Protested and Appealed. No Stay granted by IBLA
Items of Special Interest		Awaiting Letter of Concurrence (LOC) from NMFS			In Key Watershed
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	SOLD	SOLD	SOLD	SOLD	Went NO BID in 9/01.
Contact Person's Name	Phil Sjoding	Amy Haynes	Gary Humbard	Bill Caldwell	Bob Hershey
Contact Person's Number	503-315-5980	503-315-5955	503-315-5981	503-315-5961	(503) 315-5931

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Resource Area	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Tillamook	Tillamook
Timber Sale Name	South McCully	Pine Rock	Sinker Swim	Willy's Elk	Scoggins Creek
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T9S, R2E, Sec. 31; T10S, R2E, Sec. 5 & 7	T7S, R3E, Sec. 8- 11 & 16	T8S, R3E, Secs. 27, 34& 35	T3S, R6W, Sec. 31,32 T4S, R6W, Sec. 5,6	T1S,R5W, Secs. 3, 5, 8, 9 & 15
Land Use Allocation	Connectivity/GFMA	GFMA/ Riparian Reserve	GFMA	AMR	AMA/RR
Proposed Harvest Type	Regeneration/CT	Commercial Thinning	Regeneration/CT/D M	DM	DM
Anticipated Acreage Involved	108	303	170	66	480
Anticipated Volume (CCF)	2,540	9,551	8,200	2,119	13,611
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	1,500	5,567	4,800	1,234	5,691
Probable Sale Offering Date	SOLD	SOLD	Oct, 2002	SOLD	July, 2002
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA -Completed	EA - Completed Decision Protested	EA - In Preparation	EA - Completed	EA - Completed
Items of Special Interest			In Key Watershed		
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	SOLD	SOLD	In Preparation	SOLD	Offered, No bid
Contact Person's Name	Keith Walton	Barb Raible	Randy Herrin	Bill Wais	Bill Wais
Contact Person's Number	(503) 375-5676	(503) 375-5687	(503) 315-5924	(503) 815-1135	(503) 815-1135

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